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WASHINGTON, Aug. 20.—In an article headed "The Present Situation," which the Washington Post makes the most prominent feature in today's issue, it says:

"The free coinage of silver at a ratio of twenty to one or at any increased ratio is practically impossible."

"This is the trump card which Senator Voorhees is to play in the senate on Tuesday. It is behind this card that he is to attempt to win. This is to be his explanation for abandoning the convictions of a lifetime; this is to be his answer to those who will quote against him his memorable speeches in the past."

"This trump card has been played in Senator Voorhees' hand by the administration. Secretary Carlisle, who, despite all assertions to the contrary, is loyal to the president to the last degree, first gave to Senator Voorhees verbally the data to make good this assertion that free coinage is impracticable. He has gone further than this, and has prepared an elaborate letter which the senator will read in the senate on Tuesday. In this letter the statement is made that it will cost the country between \$112,000,000 and \$113,000,000 to carry out the provisions of Senator Voorhees' free coinage bill."

"It is true that there is nothing in Senator Voorhees' about free coinage. But it does not need a prophet's vision to know that dollars below par, which only the government is compelled to take, will drift with alarming rapidity into the treasury in payment of customs dues and taxes, and there they will remain, adding to the congestion of the currency. Unless they can be received they will be useless as money, and if there is to be free coinage at an increased ratio, some of the silver financiers in the senate must provide the secretary of the treasury with over \$100,000,000 to execute the law."

"Altogether, the situation of the silver men was involved in a situation from which it will be difficult for them to extricate themselves."

**Carlisle's Letter.**  
The letter of Secretary Carlisle, referred to in the foregoing, is as follows:  
TREASURY DEPARTMENT,  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,  
WASHINGTON, D. C., August 19.

Hon. Mr. Voorhees:  
DEAR SIR:—Referring to our conversation relative to the probable cost incident to the change from the present coinage ratio between gold and silver (1 to 16) to the standard silver dollar at a ratio of 1 to 20, you are respectfully informed that the number of silver dollars coined since 1878 aggregates 410,322,450.

Without any allowance for abrasion and loss incident to melting the silver, the coin value of these dollars at a ratio of 1 to 20 would be \$34,222,101, or \$4,110,228 less than their present face value.

To recoup these dollars at a ratio of 1 to 20 would require the addition of \$1,376,720 ounces of fine silver, which at the average price paid for silver under the act of July 14, 1890, (\$0.8225) would cost \$75,883,700.

In addition to this, I estimate that there would be a loss from abrasion and loss incident to melting of at least \$3,000,000, which amount, together with the difference in the face value of the coins (\$4,110,228 dollars) would have to be reimbursed to the treasury by an appropriation for that purpose.

From the fact that the silver dollars are distributed throughout the country, it would be necessary as they are redeemed at the several sub-treasuries to transport to the mints and the expense of transportation for \$300,000,000, the amount outside of the stock on hand at the sub-treasuries and mints at Philadelphia, San Francisco and New Orleans would average at least 1 1/2 per cent, or \$4,500,000.

**Cost of Recoinage.**  
I, therefore, estimate the cost of recoining the silver dollars already coined as follows:  
New bullion to be added.....\$75,883,700  
Loss by abrasion and melting.....3,000,000  
Cost of coinage (labor, material, etc.).....6,250,000  
Copper for alloy.....68,200  
Transportation of dollars to mints.....4,500,000  
Total.....\$90,301,900

The stock of subsidiary silver coin in the country is estimated at \$7,000,000, which at full weight would contain 50,000,000 ounces of fine silver. This amount at \$0.8225, or \$21,125,000 less than the present face value.

To recoup \$7,000,000 of subsidiary silver into an equal amount of fractional coin at a ratio of 1 to 20 would require the addition of 18,795,025 fine ounces, which at \$0.8225 per fine ounce, the average price paid for silver under the act of July 14, 1890, would cost \$15,428,385.

There would be a loss of about 2 1/2 per cent by abrasion from the face value of about \$1,250,000. I would, therefore, estimate the cost of recoining the subsidiary silver in the country at a ratio of 1 to 20, as follows:

New bullion.....\$17,288,780  
Loss by abrasion and melting.....1,250,000  
Cost of coinage (labor, material, etc.).....2,500,000  
Copper for alloy.....13,700  
Cost of transportation.....\$21,238,480  
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Douglas Curtis Murdered His  
Daughter and Shot Himself.

### HE WAS CRAZED BY LIQUOR.

He Fired a Bullet Into the Brain of His  
Wife While She Slept. The  
Deed Was Planned.

CHICAGO, Aug. 20.—Crazed by liquor Douglas Curtis, a switch-thrasher in the employ of the Western Indiana railroad, made a desperate and successful attempt at murder and suicide at his home in Auburn Park today. He shot and instantly killed his 7-year-old daughter Leslie as she slept in bed with her mother, and then placing the muzzle of the weapon close to his wife's head he sent a bullet crashing into her brain. Satisfied that he had killed both and deciding that with them gone life was not worth living, he stretched himself on the floor beside the bed, and placing the muzzle of the weapon in his mouth, sent a bullet through his brain. Death for him was instantaneous. His little daughter never moved from her position as she occupied when shot. But Mrs. Curtis, bleeding from a ragged wound in her head, staggered from her bed and apartments to another room in the house, from which place she was removed to St. Luke's hospital by the police. The hospital physicians tonight could not say whether she would recover or not.

**Murder Deliberately Planned.**  
The terrible affair had been deliberately planned, Curtis started on spree about three weeks ago. The little money he had laid by for a rainy day was soon dissipated. When it disappeared it did